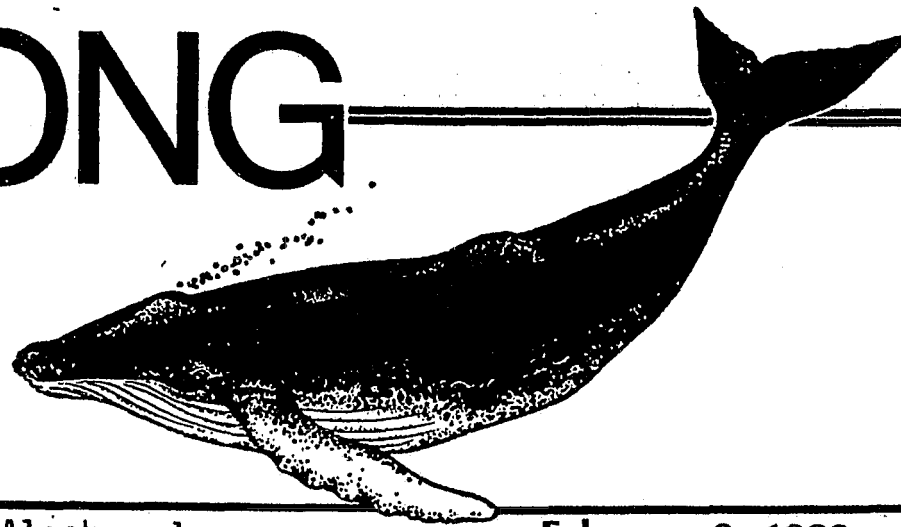


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## Dr. Beverly Beeton

# Vice chancellor on board

Dr. Beverly Beeton, former associate provost and vice president for academic affairs at Governors State University in Illinois, has recently accepted the job as vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Alaska, Juneau.

Beeton, who has a doctorate in history from the University of Utah, began her duties at UAJ on Jan. 17. As vice chancellor, she will be responsible for development and review of all academic programs at the university. Deans from five schools will report directly to her. Beeton, in turn, will report to Chancellor Mike Paradise.

The vice chancellor position came open late in June when Dr. W

Russell Jones was named executive vice chancellor in charge of campus planning, accreditation and general administration. Over 160 applications were received nationwide for the position.

Prior to assuming duties as associate provost at Governors State, Beeton served as executive assistant to the president and as a professor of history. At the University of Utah, she served as professor of history and as assistant to the vice president for academic affairs.

Beeton has served as a guest lecturer at Old Dominion University and at the University of Utah. She had published several books and numerous articles, mainly dealing with her main area of interest -- the American West.



## Summer repair/renovation may partially disrupt library and classes at Auke Lake

By LYNNE LURIA

Major renovation and remodeling will take place this summer on UAJ's main campus at Auke Bay, according to UAJ's Space Utilization Renovation and Remodeling Committee which met Dec. 15.

Both levels of Novatney Hall, the upper level of Whitehead, and the lower levels of both the Soboleff and Hendrickson Buildings are scheduled for remodeling starting in May, 1983.

Contractors are planning to install four trailers at the Auke Bay Campus as buildings for additional classrooms and faculty space, to be ready for use by fall semester, 1983, according to Harry Keim, committee member of SPURR.

The UAJ Library will remain in at least partial operation and the School of Fisheries and Science will not be affected.

Summer registration and classes will be held at the downtown Bill Ray Center with the ex-

ception of the music and art classes which will be held at the Hendrickson Building, according to the committee.

As usual, two sessions of summer classes are planned for summer '83 -- one from May 31 to June 24 and the second from July 5 to July 29.

The SPURR Committee and others at UAJ are working now to coordinate and plan for minimal inconvenience to students and faculty. Cooperation and patience are requested.

## Ackley to serve on two committees

Dr. Randall Ackley, director of telecommunications and special projects at the University of Alaska, Juneau, has recently been appointed first vice president to the University Without Walls International Council.

The nine-member board was established two years ago to better advertise the work of educators involved with teaching inmates in prisons throughout the world.

Ackley is the former director of the University Within Walls program at UAJ.

The first international UWWIC conference was held in Toronto last December. A second conference will be held sometime this year, according to Ackley.

In addition to his appointment to the UWWIC board, Ackley has also been elected to serve on the Committee on Human Rights and

Social Justice of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education. The 12-member committee helps monitor adult education throughout the United States in an attempt to assure that minorities have equal access to education.

Ackley, who has been employed at UAJ for six years, received his doctorate from Union Graduate School.

# Library readies for construction

By KIT STEWART

At a staff meeting on Jan. 26, Rochelle Sager, acting director of Library and Media Services, presented a tentative schedule for expansion of the UAJ library into the rest of Novatney Hall.

Moving the study areas, circulating book holdings and periodicals downstairs will make the entire lower level a quiet zone, Sager said.

Some current first floor occupants may relocate in the Soboleff Building. Technical and Media Services will join the other "service areas" and equipment-related library facilities on the second floor.

Target dates for the expansion are:

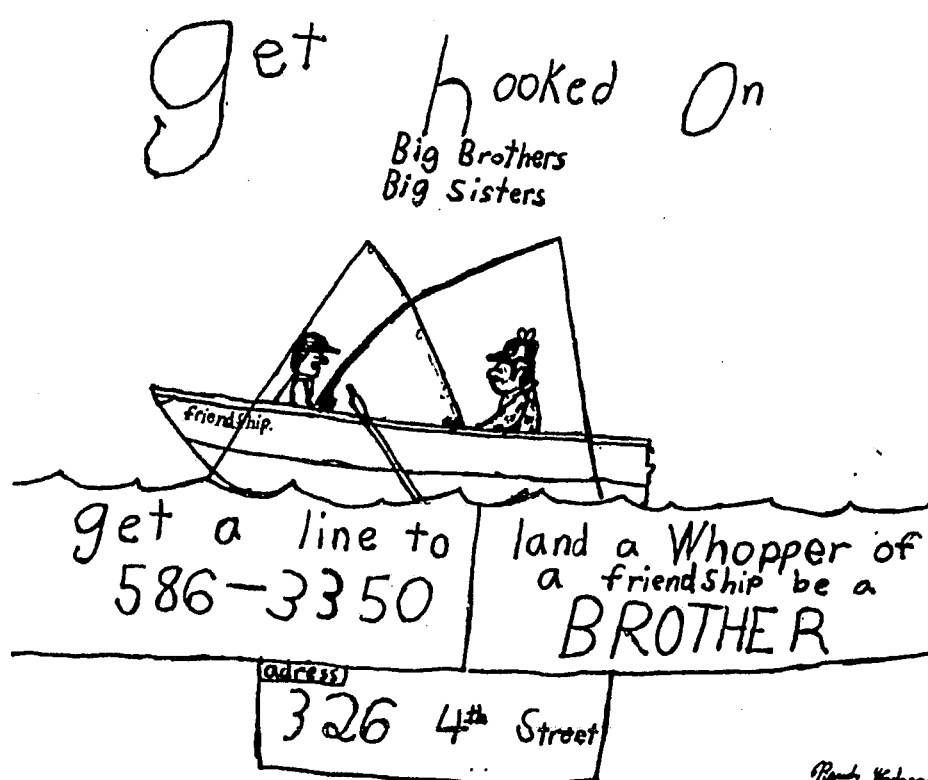
- May 16 -- begin removing the first floor walls.
- June 20 -- begin erecting stacks and moving books.
- July 5 -- begin second floor construction.
- Aug. 5 -- end second floor construction.
- Sept. 5 -- expansion and relocations completed.

"The main benefit of the move is to provide a quiet area for students to study: no typewriters, no machines, no offices, just books and places for studying," Sager said.

In addition to the present

bookcases and tables, the new first floor will have 500 more shelves and six new study carrels. The extra shelving should not only relieve the current crowding but also furnish space for purchases of 6-7,000 volumes in each of the next few years.

Media Services' new location on the second floor will ease check-in of equipment during evening hours. Nearby, an expanded microform equipment and materials area is planned. New circulation counter and library entrance near the elevator will additionally reduce the noise level in the reference section.



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# Tuition hikes expected nationwide

BY DAVID GAEDE

(CPS) -- For the second year in a row, students at a significant number of colleges are going to have to pay more for their second semester than they paid for the first.

Colleges from California to New York have been busy in the last few weeks announcing mid-year tuition increases to take effect in January.

Two years ago, such increases were rare. Tuition and fees, if raised at all, went up once a year, usually in anticipation of fall term.

Now many schools are raising tuition on an almost semester-by-semester basis, often with little advance warning to students, to cope with ongoing budget crises.

"Raising tuition has been our only option to counter budget cuts," says Gene Garrett, chief financial officer of the University of Alabama-Huntsville, which will boost tuition 10 percent next quarter.

Garrett announced the increase soon after the Alabama legislature slashed the school's funding by 10 percent last month.

In all, 24 states have had to cut budgets--and often their funding to state colleges and universities--this year because tax revenues haven't come in as anticipated, according to the National Association of State Legislatures.

In Missouri, for example, Governor Kit Bond has just announced the University of Missouri system will get \$8.5 million less to work with this year than it was promised.

University administrators now say they'll have to raise fees for next semester by 11.2 percent. They hit students with an average 17 percent tuition hike last fall.

The California State University and College system charged students an extra \$46 enrollment fee last winter to make up for state funding cuts. It increased fees by another \$121 this fall. Now it may raise the price again next quarter.

"California is just about broke," explains CSUC spokesman Charles Davis. "The state is looking at a \$1 billion deficit this year. To date our system has not been asked to do any cost cutting or increase fees, but there's that that could happen any day."

At the University of Nebraska, "we're discussing everything from fee increases to a surcharge on football tickets to closing the university for one week" to satisfy a 3.5 percent state fund-

ing "callback," says NU spokesman Bob Bruce.

The State University of New York system, which backed down from a proposed midyear increase last year because of student opposition, is rumored to be considering a new hike next spring.

"The increases will obviously make it difficult for many students to come up with the funds," summarizes Jamie MacKenzie, president of the Missouri Students Association.

"College is something you plan to pay for months or even years in advance, not a spur-of-the-moment decision."

We're flying blind," admits university spokesman Bob Mussman. "Of course the increases are going to make it more difficult on some students. But we had no choice."

"I don't blame the (university) administration," MacKenzie replies. "The people of Missouri and the state representatives aren't carrying their share of the burden for higher education."

That understanding, says U.S. Student Association chairwoman Janice Fine, is bad. "Students have to begin reacting to

every increase," she warns, "or they'll keep hitting you again and again. It's not our role to have sympathy for cutbacks in state funding. Besides, students aren't getting much sympathy, are they?"

One university, however, has simply refused any more mid-year tuition hikes.

We've had two planned and one unplanned increase, and we're now the highest priced public institution in the 11 western states," says Oregon State Vice Chancellor Bill Lemman.

"Tuition went up to \$825 last fall from \$693, was raised to \$972 in the middle of last year, and just went up to \$1,119 this fall," he points out. "It's got to stop."

OSU officials have subsequently proposed a tuition freeze.

But freezes are more easily proposed than imposed as long as state revenues continue to decline.

Missouri's president "has indicated this wasn't a move he wanted to make" says spokesman Mussman.

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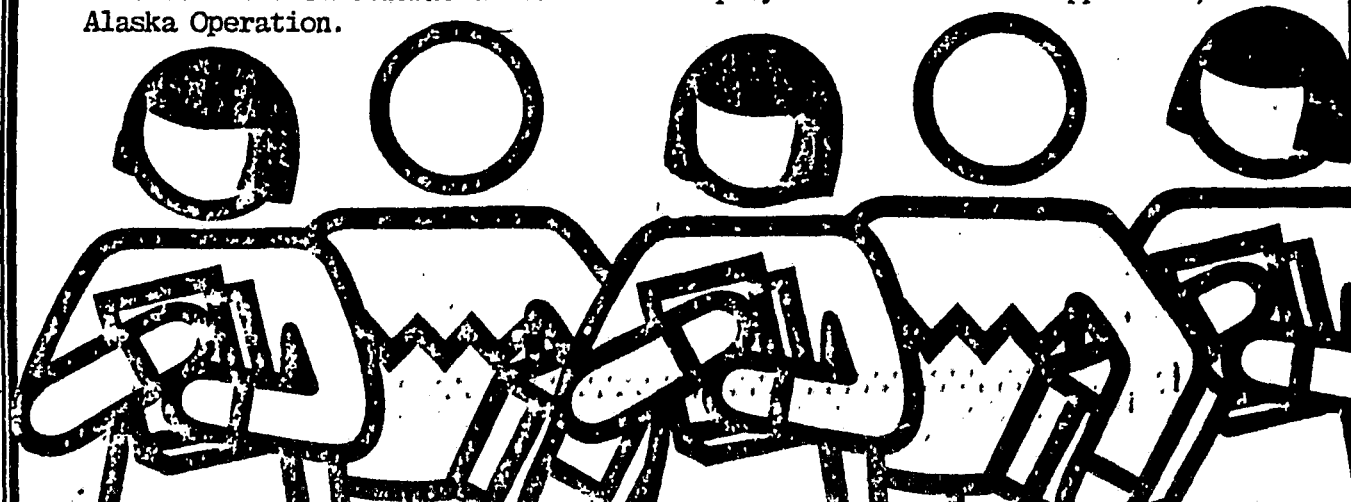
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# Increased involvement needed in student government, says Nelson

By MARIA CREIGHTON

The sign on the door reads "Student Government" though the hub for the six fisheries graduate students and one undergraduate who make up this year's administration is more practically the graduate fisheries students office in the Fisheries Building.

Though office hours are maintained in the student lounge building and while some meetings are held at the Auke Lake and Bill Ray Center sites, much of the decision making and leg work is accomplished in a less formal manner.

In a recent interview, student government president Bonita Nelson said, "the big problem with everything is that there are six or seven of us and we are doing everything; we're thinking the ideas, we're going to the committee meetings, and that's not enough people to do everything."

"We have money to play with...student government is willing to back people. But seven graduate students and one undergraduate (see related story) cannot do it all," she added.

Nelson, who drew 23 votes with a four ballot margin over her only opponent in the last election, expressed concern over the role of student government in UAJ's accreditation drive.

## Letters

Dear Editor,

The reason for my letter is I'm a very lonely black man incarcerated in Fishkill Correctional Facility, Beacon, N.Y. without any family and would very much like to find a friend.

It is very hard doing time without friends or family, no visits or mail.

I would very much enjoy writing or meeting new people if possible. Would you please put out a few lines in your school paper.

Thank you very much for your time and concern in the above mentioned matter.

Respectfully yours,

Norris Harrell  
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"We'd (current student government administration) be all for just quitting today if we had seven more people who would go in and go to the committee meetings, write the memos, take the orders, and this and that. We don't have anybody else to do it. It's a problem...The students don't even care. We think it's real important for all the students that we get accredited and this is our way that specifically help in that process."

Increased enrollment and the approval of a measure to increase student fees from .50 per credit hour to \$1 may leave the student government coffers with a sizable carryover into FY 84. Ron Heinz, student government's secretary/treasurer, projected the organization would easily spend \$12,000 this year. The student government has a projected FY 83 budget of

over \$27,000 and an additional \$2,000-plus carry-over from last year, according to a December computer print-out from the business office.

According to figures made available by the student government, some of this year's projected budget allowances were; over \$14,000 for contractual services such as bringing the Robert Cray Band to Juneau, printing of the Whalesong and funds to sponsor student organizations such as the proposed scuba club.

In addition, over \$4,000 is budgeted for travel which is mainly used to send officers to statewide student association meetings. Other budgeted expenses include over \$4,000 for commodities and over \$3,000 for personnel which is figured at \$2,000 as for the student government president and \$1,000 for a secretary.

## Tingley resigns USUAJ post

Al Tingley recently resigned his position on the student council and commented on his action in a telephone interview.

"I don't see student government taking the right steps in order to communicate with the students or making any attempts to," he said.

Regarding the large number of fisheries students holding office, Tingley indicated student leaders need to work at getting involved more with students at other campus locations.

"They need to break away from the fisheries department in terms of their physical presence," he said.

According to student government president, Bonita Nelson,

the Tingley resignation prompted the officers of student government to adopt a special measure stating that "in emergency situations, which means it can't wait until the next meeting or else it's too late" and after a "valid attempt (by the president) to contact all the elected officers (the president can) get in writing a vote on any budgetary matter that has to be decided, as long as four student officers agree," Nelson said.

The remaining officers serving terms on the student government are; Keith Pahlke, vice president, Ron Heinz, secretary/treasurer, Mary Price, Marshal Kendziorek, Brock Meredith and Bonita Nelson as president.

Dear Editor,

At the end of this month, I will be moving to Anchorage, Alaska. While living in Juneau for the past seven years, I have been a part-time student at UAJ throughout these seven years.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my teachers. I have worked with a number of excellent teachers in the arts and humanities at UAJ and have benefited greatly. I have sometimes been frustrated

about not being able to finish my degree in Juneau in Arts and Humanities (albiet, the opportunity has improved over the years), on the other hand, I have gained alot in the fact that the student/teacher ratio per class was often in the student's favor and therefore mine.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Lynn Newton Luria

# City & Borough/UAJ talk land swap

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By Jennifer Mortell

Tom Peterson, director of planning for the Juneau City and Borough, and UAJ administrators are looking into ways to build student housing on an area which covers about 150 acres behind the Auke Bay Elementary school.

The city/borough currently owns the land but may be willing to give it to UAJ, Peterson said.

Student housing being considered would consist of buildings providing about 250 units, with the possibility of adding more in the future as enrollment increases at UAJ. Single units and married student housing will be available.

The types of units are still

in the planning stages but will most likely consist of a series of low-rise units located behind the school.

UAJ planners are also looking at the possibility of locating a physical education complex and a cafeteria within the housing area.

In order for UAJ to be able to use the land, there will have to be negotiations with the city/borough -- perhaps involving a "swap" for some university land in the Montana Creek area.

The city/borough is interested in setting up a park and sidewalk for pedestrians to go along the Montana Creek and the west side of the Mendenhall Valley, Peterson said.

"The interesting thing about the (student housing) site is that it's in a dramatic setting in Auke Bay, and within walking distance from the campus," said Peterson.

A draft of a comprehensive plan is currently under study by the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission and the Assembly. Peterson said all three groups feel that the best

site for student housing would be the Auke Bay area.

"Certainly one of the goals in the comprehensive plan is to work with UAJ to make sure the plan is a vital part of the university. Student housing would help the city to achieve that goal," said Peterson.

## Letters

Dear Editor,

It has been brought to my attention that Alaska's Student Loan Program lacks the funds to provide loans through the end of the fiscal year. This means that students who need loans to attend summer programs, some vocational programs, or other higher education programs, will be unable to borrow the money they need.

In order to ensure that all Alaskans have equal opportunity to proceed with their education, I have introduced House Bill 113,

to appropriate \$3.5 million to the Student Loan Program. Dr. Kerry Romesburg, Director of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, estimates that this amount will be sufficient to fund the Student Loan Program through June 30, 1983.

I would appreciate your comments on this bill. The current legislature must address the recurring problem of the Student Loan Program being sufficiently funded to provide loans through-

out the year. There may be changes necessary in the present program.

However, if you support this appropriation, please contact your legislator at Pouch V, Juneau, Alaska 99811, or through your local Legislative Information Office.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lacher  
Representative  
District 16

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# Few participants in UAJ bus system

By PAMELA FINNEY

Despite newspaper and radio publicity at its inception, ridership on the new UAJ express bus system remains low.

Linda Worley, an employee at the city bus barn, said "ridership is not what we anticipated."

One of the problems several riders say exists include poor coordination of the express service with the regular city bus schedule. While the two schedules blend together to allow riders on the regular bus to meet at the Nugget Mall and catch the express bus to town, the schedule does not work that well in reverse, some say.

Worley said city employees tried to time the express bus so it could meet up with the regular bus every time but she added that "it is not really that consistent."

Several other city officials also agreed that the schedule was

more designed to allow riders from the regular bus a chance to catch the express bus into town.

Another major problem is the widespread misconception that the express bus is only for students at UAJ, one official said. The express bus is open to everyone.

One bus driver said he thought ridership would increase when the snow and ice made driving hazardous. This opinion was echoed by officials at the city/borough.

City officials said it is important to let people know that tokens and passes are available now for the express bus. Students are offered a discount on monthly passes, but only if they have the proper identification.

A student pass sells for \$12 for zone one which extends to the Nugget Mall, and \$18 for zone two which goes to Auke Bay. Regular bus passes are \$16 for zone one and \$24 for zone two.

These passes are good for one calendar month for the 1st to the 31st of any month. They go on sale on the 25th until the end of the month at the Bill Ray Center, UAJ Bookstore, or the city treasurer's office downtown.

Bus tokens are also available from three sources. The city treasurer's office and the Nugget Department Store at the Nugget Mall sell tokens at 20 cents apiece in a roll of 40 for \$8.00. The bus drivers also sell the token rolls but for 25 cents apiece in rolls of 40 for \$10.00.

Schedules for the express bus are available at the Bill Ray Center, UAJ main campus, and the City/Borough office.

"We hope in time more people will learn of it (the express bus service) and ridership will grow," Worby said.

One source said without an increase in ridership, the service may not last beyond June of 1983.

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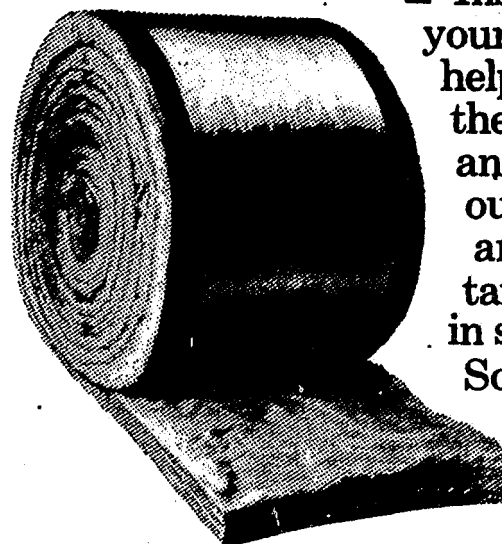
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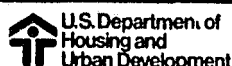
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## LITTLE BY LITTLE, IT ALL ADDS UP.







UAJ Ski Team works out.

## UAJ skiers take top three positions

Three racers representing the University of Alaska, Juneau ski team and four racers from the Juneau Ski Club placed in top positions at recent slalom and giant slalom races held at Alyeska Ski Area.

The races were held over a three-day period starting on Dec. 30. The UAJ and JSC teams competed against racers from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and members of the Alyeska Ski Club.

According to Tom Olson, head ski coach at UAJ, the races were originally scheduled to be downhill events but were changed at the last minute to slalom and giant slalom races due to snow conditions. Olson said although his racers were not well prepared to race in the slalom event, they

did "exceptionally well."

"For their first showing, the racers did a superb job," he said. "For not having trained for slalom racing, they did very well. Even with the wrong type of skis, they did a fine job."

The racers arrived at Alyeska in time to go through three days of intensive slalom and giant slalom training before the race, the coach said. Olson said he credits a long-term dry-land training program for allowing team members to place as high as they did at Alyeska. The skiers had trained on snow for only 10 days before the race. They have been training on dry land, however, for eight weeks.

In the slalom event, UAJ racer Tom Germain took second place in the junior "B" division while

UAJ racer Mike Eberhardt captured a third place in the senior "B" category. Two JSC racers -- Hilary Lindh and Dave Koester -- also took third. Lindh raced in the junior "A" division and Koester in the junior "B".

In the first giant slalom race, UAJ team member Erik Ostling took fourth place in the senior "B" division; JSC racer Steve Box took fifth in the junior "B" category; Eberhardt took sixth in the senior "B" division; and Mark Dewey took eleventh in the junior "C" division.

In the second giant slalom race, both Eberhardt and Box took first place in their divisions. Lindh captured a second place win while Germain took fourth. Koester finished sixth in his division.

## Lindh 2nd in giant slalom

Hilary Lindh, racing for the Juneau Ski Club, placed second over all and second in her age bracket in ladies giant slalom competition on Mt. Alyeska, Saturday, January 22.

Lindh, racing in the junior A division, turned in a time of 0:51.54 in her first run, enough for what would have been a second place finish in the slalom race, but fell on her second run and did not finish. She was the only UAJ lady skier entered in the Anchorage Showdown race.

Tom Germain, racing for the UAJ men's team last Saturday, finished 27th overall and second in his division, junior B. His time

for the slalom was 1:51.39.

Racing for the Juneau Ski Club, Steve Box followed Germain in the slalom with a 1:53.44 clocking putting him third in the junior B division and 31st in competition swept by the University of Alaska Anchorage.

"The Anchorage school is really great this year," said UAJ head ski coach Tom Olson. "They should be in the top five in the NCAA this year."

Olson added that the JSC will go to Mt. Alyeska again on Feb. 5 and 6 and on Feb. 14 for national qualifying races for the Junior Olympics to be held in various parts of the country in

March.

Olson said skiers from UAJ, UAA, JSC, and Alyeska ski clubs all took part in the U.S.S.A. sanctioned competition.

Sat., Jan 22: Slalom

UAJ -- Mike Eberhardt	6th	Jr. B
JSC -- Dave Koester	9th	Jr. B
UAJ -- Eric Ostling	9th	Sr. B
UAJ -- Brock Meredith	1st	Sr. C

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# McComas: would love to do it again

By DON FREY

Helping the library staff in Kake to increase its impact in the community was one of the goals of Dianne McComas, Public Services Librarian with the University of Alaska, Juneau. She spent four days recently in the Southeast Alaska community as part of the UAJ's School of Extended and Graduate Studies outreach program.

"There's a small library there and although they have a staff that includes a librarian and several para-professionals, the staff really needed a chance to upgrade skills to increase awareness of the library training.

"I went there to also teach them how to teach others to make full and best use of the library," said McComas.

It was her first first trip to Kake as an instructor. Her students included an elementary, high school and community librarian plus para-professionals and some who were just interested in learning about the library.

The UAJ outreach program is designed to bring professional expertise and university level learning opportunities to smaller outlying villages.

"Actually it's a reciprocal thing," said McComas. "I think we have the chance to learn as much from them as they learn from us. I know I learned a lot about the people there, the community, and I learned from the classroom interaction."

She said she was impressed with the friendliness of the people of the small community.

"Stranger would offer to carry piles of books and materials for me. Others were more than willing to drive me around. They seem to really take an interest in people and want to help," said McComas.

The people of Kake also impressed her with their hunger for education.

"I was surprised to meet so many people with advanced degrees. The people of Kake seem to take education seriously, they're really interested in it. I was impressed with that," she said.

The library staff at Kake requested that UAJ set up the program and provide the instructor, one of the ways outreach programs are brought into communities. The purpose of the class was to teach library skills for school librarians and teachers while offering a one credit university course.

"I needed a lot of time to prepare for this," said McComas

who has been a librarian on the UAJ campus for eight years. "I had to decide the goals of the class, what I wanted the people to learn, what I thought would be most beneficial for them in their community, how to help the staff make the community more aware of the library's capabilities."

The goals she set included promoting increased library use, trends and developments, developing standards, materials selection and censorship.

Censorship, she said, is something librarians have to be aware of, even in small communities.

"There haven't been any problems in Kake, that I know of, but it's always a possible danger. It's been a problem in other communities in the state," she said. Censorship, she added, is one reason why materials selection guides are important.

There are guidelines that need to be developed that are in black and white that show why and how books are chosen," she said. It also gives people who object to some books a route to bring their objection to a community or a school board.

"There was a lot of interaction among the people in the class; the ideas flowed," said McComas.

She added that she didn't think audioconferencing would have worked for the class, saying she thought the technique may have been too "stilted."

"I don't think it's very conducive to the type of learning that needed to go on and did go on in this class. The interaction would have been lost," she said.

The students also had homework assignments. Students had to come up with a contract to develop ideas that would be beneficial to the library program. One of the ideas was to use the grandchild to bring the grandparent to the library or for the child to bring library books and materials to the grandparents.

"We worked on ways to introduce library skills to the classes. Sometimes this can be very dry and boring for students and that's something we wanted to get around," said McComas.

Library skills are important, she said.

"When you work in a library you don't think of it as complicated but there's so much information in the world and it's the role of the library to provide much of that information," said McComas. "With all that information it's important to set up a retrieval system that's efficient and universal. If a student in Kake can learn the system there then the goal is that he'll feel comfortable using any library. The retrieval system has to be one that works no matter the size of the library."

McComas had a great deal of praise for the program and her experience in Kake.

"It's something I certainly would love to do again," she said.



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**Alex N. Pattakos**, director of applied research and consultation services, Bureau of Public Administration at the University of Maine, will deliver the address. Mr. Pattakos will also meet with UAJ students and faculty Thursday, Feb. 10 from noon to 1:30 at the Bill Ray Center.